What is claimed is:

1. A compound according to formula (I)

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one of  $Z_1$ ,  $Z_2$ ,  $Z_3$ ,  $Z_4$  and  $Z_5$  is N, one is  $CR^{1a}$  and the remainder are CH, or one or two of  $Z_1$ ,  $Z_2$ ,  $Z_3$ ,  $Z_4$  and  $Z_5$  are independently  $CR^{1a}$  and the remainder are CH;

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>1a</sup> are independently hydrogen; hydroxy; (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkoxy unsubstituted or substituted by (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkoxy, amino, piperidyl, guanidino or amidino any of which is optionally N-substituted by one or two (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, acyl or (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkylsulphonyl groups, CONH<sub>2</sub>, hydroxy, (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkylthio, heterocyclylthio, heterocyclyloxy, arylthio, aryloxy, acylthio, acyloxy or (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkylsulphonyloxy; (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkoxy-substituted(C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl; halogen; (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl; (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkylthio; trifluoromethyl; trifluoromethoxy; nitro; cyano; azido; acyl; acyloxy; acylthio; (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkylsulphonyl; (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkylsulphoxide; arylsulphonyl; arylsulphoxide or an amino, piperidyl, guanidino or amidino group optionally N-substituted by one or two (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl, acyl or (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkylsulphonyl groups;

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provided that when  $Z_1$ ,  $Z_2$ ,  $Z_3$ ,  $Z_4$  and  $Z_5$  are  $CR^{1a}$  or CH, then  $R^1$  is not hydrogen;

A is a substituted or unsubstituted 5 membered aromatic heterocyclic ring of formula (C):

wherein:

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 $\rm W_1$  and  $\rm W_2$  are each independently selected from N, O, S, and CR8;  $\rm W_3$  is N or C;

5 W<sub>4</sub> is N, O, S, or CR<sup>8</sup>;

and (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkylsulphoxide;

each  $R^8$  is independently selected from hydrogen; hydroxy; halogen; trifluoromethyl; trifluoromethoxy; cyano; nitro; azido; acyl; acyloxy; acylthio; amino, mono- and di-( $C_{1-6}$ )alkylamino; and substituted and unsubstituted ( $C_{1-6}$ )alkoxy, ( $C_{1-6}$ )alkyl, ( $C_{3-7}$ )cycloalkyl, aminocarbonyl, ( $C_{1-6}$ )alkylthio, ( $C_{1-6}$ )alkylsulphonyl,

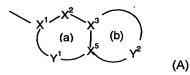
 $R^2$  is hydrogen, or (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl or (C<sub>2-6</sub>)alkenyl optionally substituted with 1 to 3 groups selected from:

- amino optionally substituted by one or two (C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkyl groups; carboxy; (C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkoxycarbonyl; (C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylcarbonyl; (C<sub>2-4</sub>)alkenyloxycarbonyl; (C<sub>2-4</sub>)alkenylcarbonyl; aminocarbonyl wherein the amino group is optionally substituted by hydroxy, (C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkyl, hydroxy(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkyl, aminocarbonyl (C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>2-4</sub>)alkenyl, (C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylsulphonyl, trifluoromethylsulphonyl,
- (C<sub>2-4</sub>)alkenylsulphonyl, (C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkoxycarbonyl, (C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylcarbonyl, (C<sub>2-4</sub>)alkenyloxycarbonyl or (C<sub>2-4</sub>)alkenylcarbonyl; cyano; tetrazolyl; 3-hydroxy-3-cyclobutene-1,2-dione-4-yl; 2,4-thiazolidinedione-5-yl; tetrazol-5-ylaminocarbonyl; 5-oxo-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl; halogen; (C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylthio; trifluoromethyl; hydroxy optionally substituted by (C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>2-4</sub>)alkenyl,
- (C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkoxycarbonyl, (C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylcarbonyl, (C<sub>2-4</sub>)alkenyloxycarbonyl, (C<sub>2-4</sub>)alkenylcarbonyl; oxo; (C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylsulphonyl; (C<sub>2-4</sub>)alkenylsulphonyl; or (C<sub>1-4</sub>)aminosulphonyl wherein the amino group is optionally substituted by (C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkyl or (C<sub>2-4</sub>)alkenyl;
- 30 R<sup>3</sup> is a group -U-R<sup>4</sup> where

U is selected from CH2, C=O, and SO2 and

 ${\sf R}^4$  is a substituted or unsubstituted bicyclic carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring system (A):

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containing up to four heteroatoms in each ring in which

ring (a) is aromatic and ring (b) is aromatic or non-aromatic;

X<sup>1</sup> is C;

X<sup>2</sup> is N or CR<sup>5</sup>;

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X<sup>3</sup> and X<sup>5</sup> are C:

 $Y^1$  is a 1 to 2 atom linker group, each atom of which is independently selected from N and CR $^5$ ;

Y<sup>2</sup> is a 2 to 6 atom linker group, each atom of Y<sup>2</sup> being independently selected from N, NR<sup>7</sup>, O, S(O)x, CO, CR<sup>5</sup> and CR<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup>;

each of  $R^5$  and  $R^6$  is independently selected from: hydrogen;  $(C_{1-4})$ alkylthio; halo; carboxy $(C_{1-4})$ alkyl; halo $(C_{1-4})$ alkoxy; halo $(C_{1-4})$ alkyl;  $(C_{1-4})$ alkyl;  $(C_{1-4})$ alkoxycarbonyl; formyl;  $(C_{1-4})$ alkylcarbonyl;

(C<sub>2-4</sub>)alkenyl; (C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkoxycarbonyl; formyl; (C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylcarbonyl;
(C<sub>2-4</sub>)alkenyloxycarbonyl; (C<sub>2-4</sub>)alkenylcarbonyl; (C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylcarbonyloxy;
(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkoxycarbonyl(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkyl; hydroxy; hydroxy(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkyl; mercapto
C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkyl; (C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkoxy; nitro; cyano; carboxy; amino or wherein the amino group is optionally substituted by (C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkoxycarbonyl, (C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylcarbonyl,
(C<sub>2-4</sub>)alkenyloxycarbonyl, (C<sub>2-4</sub>)alkenylcarbonyl, (C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkyl or (C<sub>2-4</sub>)alkenyl
and optionally further substituted by (C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkyl or (C<sub>2-4</sub>)alkenyl; or
(C<sub>2-6</sub>)alkenyl; (C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylsulphonyl; (C<sub>2-4</sub>)alkenylsulphonyl; or aminosulphonyl wherein the amino group is optionally mono- or di-substituted by (C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkyl or (C<sub>2-4</sub>)alkyl or (C<sub>2-4</sub>

each R<sup>7</sup> is independently hydrogen; trifluoromethyl; (C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkyl unsubstituted or substituted by hydroxy, (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkoxy, (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkylthio, halo or trifluoromethyl; (C<sub>2-4</sub>)alkenyl; aryl; aryl (C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkyl; arylcarbonyl; heteroarylcarbonyl; (C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkoxycarbonyl; (C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylcarbonyl; formyl; (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkylsulphonyl; or aminocarbonyl wherein the amino group is optionally substituted by
(C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkoxycarbonyl, (C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkylcarbonyl, (C<sub>2-4</sub>)alkenyloxycarbonyl, (C<sub>2-4</sub>)alkenylcarbonyl, (C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkyl or (C<sub>2-4</sub>)alkenyl and optionally further substituted by (C<sub>1-4</sub>)alkyl or (C<sub>2-4</sub>)alkenyl; and

4)alkenyl; aryl; aryl(C1-4)alkyl; or aryl(C1-4)alkoxy;

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x is 0, 1, or 2; y is 1, or 2; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

- 5 2. A compound according to claim 1 wherein Z<sub>5</sub> is CH or N, Z<sub>3</sub> is CH or CF and Z<sub>1</sub>, Z<sub>2</sub> and Z<sub>4</sub> are each CH, or Z<sub>1</sub> is N, Z<sub>3</sub> is CH or CF and Z<sub>2</sub>, Z<sub>4</sub> and Z<sub>5</sub> are each CH.
- 3. A compound according to claim 1 wherein  $\mathbb{R}^1$  is methoxy and  $\mathbb{R}^{1a}$  is H or when  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  is  $\mathbb{CR}^{1a}$  it may be C-F.
  - 4. A compound according to claim 1 wherein hetercyclic ring (C) is substituted or unsubstituted pyrrole, thiophene, furan, thiazole or triazole.
- A compound according to claim 1 wherein R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen or unsubstituted or substituted (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl.
  - 6. A compound according to claim 1 wherein in the heterocyclic ring (A)  $Y^2$  has 3-5 atoms including NR<sup>7</sup>, O or S bonded to  $X^5$  and NHCO bonded via N to  $X^3$ , or O or NH bonded to  $X^3$ .
  - 7. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R<sup>4</sup> is selected from:

4H-benzo[1,4]thiazin-3-one-6-yl,

4H-pyrido[3,2-b][1,4]thiazin-3-one-6-yl,

25 4*H*-pyrido[3,2-*b*][1,4]oxazin-3-one-6-yl,

1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-[1,8]naphthyridine-7-yl,

1H-pyrido[3,2-b][1,4]thiazin-2-one-7-yl,

4H-benzo[1,4]oxazin-3-one-6-yl, and

6-fluoro-2,3-dihydrobenzo[1,4]dioxine-7-yl.

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- 8. A compound according to claim 1 which is 3-Oxo-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-benzo[1,4]thiazine-6-sulfonic acid {3-[4-(6-methoxy-[1,5]naphthyridin-4-yl)-[1,2,3]triazol-1-yl]-propyl}amide or 6-{[(2-{4-[6-(methoxy)-1,5-naphthyridin-4-yl]-1,3-thiazol-2-yl}ethyl)amino]methyl}-2*H*-pyrido[3,2-*b*][1,4]thiazin-3(4*H*)-one
- 35 dihydrochloride

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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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9. A method of treatment of bacterial infections in mammals which comprises the administration to a mammal in need thereof an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.

- 10. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier for use in the treatment of bacterial infections in mammals.
- 11. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 1, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.